

[17th March 1928]

(b) whether puja which was being performed for a long time has been stopped, and if so, when and why;

(c) whether mahazars from the Hindus of Vellore were received by Government for the handing over of the temple to them for performing puja and other festivals;

(d) if so, how they were disposed of, and if the disposal was not in their favour, for what reasons; and

(e) whether the Government will now hand over the temple to Hindus for performing puja on condition that Adi-Dravidas should have right of entry to the temple?

A.—(a) There is a temple within the Fort believed to have been built in the 13th Century A.D. and said to be of excellent military architecture.

(b) From the Manual of North Arcot district, it appears that worship in the temple was stopped and re-introduced several times in the past. The Government have no information whether worship is now being conducted or not in the temple.

(c) & (d) No mabazar was received.

(e) A report has been called for from the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

[Note:—An asterisk (\*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

## II

### ELECTION TO THE FINANCE AND THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES.

\* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ I have to announce that, as a result of the elections held yesterday, the following Members have been declared elected to the Public Accounts Committee and the Finance Committee :—

#### 1. Public Accounts Committee.

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| 1. Khadir Moideen Sahib Bahadur.       | 5. Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti. |
| 2. Mr. Chavadi K. Subrahmanyam Pillai. | 6. Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo. |
| 3. Mr. D. Narayana Raju.               | 7. Mr. C. Gopala Menon.           |
| 4. Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai.         |                                   |

#### 2. Finance Committee.

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| 1. T. M. Moideen Sahib Bahadur. | 4. Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed. |
| 2. Rajkumar S. N. Dorai Raja.   | 5. Mr. K. R. Karant.         |
| 3. Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar. | 6. Mr. K. V. R. Swami.       |

## III

### MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1928-29.

#### DEMAND VII—IRRIGATION—PUBLIC WORKS OFFICERS AND ELECTRICITY.

\* The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—“ Mr. President, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I move

‘that Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 235·17 lakhs under Irrigation—Public Works Officers and Electricity.’

“ Sir, I have been requested by the other side to ask your permission to take up item No. 419 first, because a larger number of Members are interested in that item and wish to speak on it.”